

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

July 8, 2020

VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

It is such a busy time of the year and we know that it will only get busier moving forward. There are three very helpful resources that are worth the time to read and share with the public and/or other immunization stakeholders.

The first resource, [Did You Know Your Child Can Get Free Vaccine?](#), is a great brochure to share on social media and websites, in the waiting rooms of healthcare clinics, at back-to-school functions, at daycare centers, just to name a few places. There are many people that have been affected by the pandemic, which may mean their children are now eligible for Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines. Please share this resource broadly so that we can work to keep our children vaccinated. See page 2 of this newsletter to see a copy of the brochure.

The second resource is a [Call to Action letter](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This letter provides tips for preparing the community for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines plus reducing the risk of preventable diseases and outbreaks through routine vaccinations all in an effort to protect vulnerable populations and reduce the burden placed on healthcare facilities. Please take the time to read this important letter.

Finally, the third resource is the [2020 State of the ImmUnion, Special Supplement: COVID-19 Vaccination](#). This supplement, geared towards members of Congress, looks at ways the country's vaccine infrastructure can be strengthened and ways to increase an individual's understanding of the value of vaccines. It is a very interesting and timely read.

Happy reading! And thank you for all you do to vaccinate our children!

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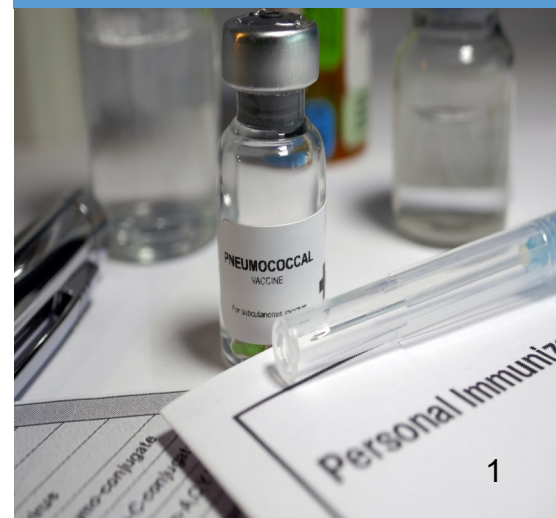
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Did You Know Your Child Can Get Free Vaccines?

Vaccines for Children Can Help

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides free vaccines to children who qualify. About half of American children less than 19 years old receive VFC vaccine.

Is my child eligible for the VFC Program?

Children are eligible if it is before their 19th birthday and they:

- Qualify for Medicaid
- Don't have insurance
- Are American Indian or Alaska Native

Children whose insurance doesn't cover some or all routinely recommended vaccines (underinsured) can still get vaccines through VFC if they go to a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic.

Where can I go to get my child vaccinated?

- Ask if your child's doctor or nurse is a VFC provider. Nationally, there are thousands of health care providers enrolled in the VFC program.
- If your child does not have a doctor, ask if your local public health department provides vaccines.
- Visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

How much will I have to pay?

- All routinely recommended vaccines are free through the VFC Program.
- Doctors can charge fees to give each shot. However, they cannot refuse to vaccinate your child if you are unable to pay these fees.
- The doctor can charge additional fees for the office visit or non-vaccine services such as an eye exam or blood test.

Where can I get more information?

- Ask your child's doctor's office if they participate in VFC.
- If you don't have a regular doctor's office:
 - See if your state has a searchable website for VFC providers.
 - Call your [state or local health department](#).
 - Visit findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov to find a Federally Qualified Health Center.



Learn more at [CDC.gov/features/vfcprogram](https://www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram)

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INJECTION OF EDUCATION

GARDASIL 9 recently received the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration's \(FDA\) approval](#) to add the indication for: the prevention of oropharyngeal, and other head and neck cancers. GARDASIL 9 is now approved for the prevention of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) related cervical, vaginal, anal, vulvar, oropharyngeal, and other head and neck cancers, as well as the prevention of genital warts. As the name implies, the HPV vaccine protects against nine strains of HPV, including types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58.

GARDASIL 9 is indicated for girls and women ages 9 years through 45 years of age for the prevention of cervical, vulvar, vaginal, anal, oropharyngeal, other head and neck cancers, and genital warts and boys and men ages 9 years through 45 years of age for the prevention of anal, oropharyngeal, and other head and neck cancers and genital warts. Vaccine dosing depends on the age the first dose is administered. For more information regarding the immunization schedule or frequently asked questions regarding adult vaccination please see the [Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#), [Adult Immunization Schedule](#), and the [CDC's HPV Vaccine Recommendation webpage](#).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has an [Adolescent #HowIRecommend Vaccination Video Series](#). The series includes addressing parent concerns, vaccine hesitancy, and suggestions for wording to improve HPV and other adolescent vaccine recommendations.

You can find more information on GARDASIL® 9 and the newly approved indication by visiting the [FDA GARDASIL 9 webpage](#) or [the FDA Patient Information](#). [The Immunization Action Coalition](#) also has several resources related to the HPV vaccine, recommendations and frequently asked questions.

This is exciting news! Another step in the fight against cancer!

The annual VFC enrollment is underway. If you have not completed the enrollment, please contact your Regional Immunization Consultant (RIC). Our RICs have been busy reaching out to each an every VFC provider. Check your email or contact your RIC for more details.

We would like to thank all of our VFC providers for taking a few minutes out of your busy schedules to complete the annual enrollment and a big thank you to our RICs and KSWebIZ staff for taking on the brunt of the enrollment so that providers could continue to focus on COVID-19 activities and vaccine administration!

Reminder - Kansas Statute

On July 1, 2020 a new Kansas Statute went into effect. This statute makes it a requirement for all physicians and other authorized individuals to enter administered vaccines into KSWebIZ, the statewide immunization registry. This statute is effective for the administration of all public and private funded vaccines. The statute states:

K.S.A. 65-2886a. Reporting of administration of vaccines by physicians and other authorized individuals; exceptions. (a) On and after July 1, 2020, physicians and other persons authorized by law in this state to administer vaccines shall report the administration of a vaccine to a person in this state to the state registry maintained for such purpose by the secretary of health and environment in a manner and form as may be required by the secretary, except that if the person vaccinated or, if the person is a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor, objects to the report, the report shall not be made.

(b) As used in this section, "physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

History: L. 2017, ch. 32, § 2; July 1.

For assistance with obtaining access to KSWebIZ, please contact the Kansas Immunization Program at:

Website: www.kdheks.gov/immunize/immunization_registry.htm

Email: KDHE.ImmunizationRegistry@ks.gov

Phone: 877-296-0464

Tuberculosis Tidbit

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently notified the Kansas Tuberculosis Elimination Program of an impurity discovered in Rifapentine (Priftin) manufactured by Sanofi. In the state of Kansas, Rifapentine is most often used in the treatment regimen 3HP for the treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI). Due to the impurity, Rifapentine manufacturing has been put on hold until the source of the impurity has been discovered and removed.

As a result: the Kansas Tuberculosis Elimination Program will not be approving 3HP treatment applications until further notice. Any patient **CURRENTLY** receiving 3HP treatment for LTBI may continue until completion.

All new LTBI patients should be offered 4 months of daily rifampin therapy as the **FIRST** choice in LTBI treatment. If the patient is unable to tolerate 4 months of daily rifampin it is acceptable to start the patient on 6 or 9 months of Isoniazid (INH).

Kansas Immunization Program's Knowledge Injection Series

Register for this NO COST webinar Today!

To register, visit www.eeds.com/live/613062.

Registration is required by **Noon, Tuesday, July 14, 2020.**

July 16, 2020

12 – 1 p.m.

Broadcast via Webinar

Autism and Vaccines: The Never Ending Story

Alison Singer

President, Autism Science Foundation

Alison Singer is Co-Founder and President of the Autism Science Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding innovative autism research and supporting the needs of people with autism. As the mother of a 22-year-old daughter with autism and legal guardian of her older brother with autism, she is a natural advocate. Singer served on the federal Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) for 12 years, where she chaired the Safety and Housing workgroups, and served on the subcommittee responsible for writing an annual strategic plan to guide federal spending for autism research. She currently serves on the executive boards of the Yale Child Study Center, the Seaver Autism Center at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, the Marcus Autism Center at Emory University, and the University of North Carolina Autism Research Center, as well as on the external advisory board of the CDC's Center for Developmental Disabilities, and the New York State Immunization Advisory Committee. In addition, Singer serves on the board of directors of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) and chairs the INSAR Communications Committee. In 2012, the American Academy of Pediatrics named her an "autism champion." In 2017 she received the INSAR "Outstanding Research Advocate" award and in 2018 she received the New York Families for Autistic Children Research Advocacy Award.

Prior to founding the Autism Science Foundation in 2009, she served as executive vice president of Autism Speaks and as a vice president at NBC. She graduated magna cum laude from Yale University with a B.A. in Economics and has an MBA from Harvard Business School. In 2020, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Emory University.

Kansas Immunization Program's Knowledge Injection Series

COST/HOW TO REGISTER

There is no cost to participate in this webinar, but registration is required. When you register you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing log-in instructions and the webinar link. The log-in information and webinar link will also be sent via e-mail at 8 a.m. the day of the webinar.

Register online at www.eeds.com/live/613062.

For additional assistance with registration, call the KU Area Health Education Center at (620) 235-4040.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This series is designed for Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Nurses and Pharmacists and other health care professionals involved in the administration and management of vaccines.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the program, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the latest autism research findings.

- Demonstrate effective communication techniques with vaccine-hesitant parents about autism and vaccines.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

All participants requesting continuing education credit or a certificate of attendance must complete documentation of attendance and evaluation form online within the timeframe noted.

Physicians: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of The University of Kansas Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education and, Area Health Education Centers and Kansas Immunization Program.

The University of Kansas Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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University of Kansas Medical Center Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

APRNs/Nurses: The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center East is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for 1.0 contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT0056-0749. Mary Beth Warren, MS, RN, Coordinator.

Nursing attendance requirement: If a participant misses more than 10% of an offering, a certificate of continuing education will not be issued. Partial credit is NOT given.

Pharmacists: Pending approval by the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. Course Number 20-046.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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CANCELLATION POLICY

KU Medical Center AHEC reserves the right to cancel the program in the event of insufficient registration. KU Medical Center AHEC will not be responsible for any losses incurred by registrants.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this program, please contact the KU Medical Center AHEC at (620) 235-4040.